

to in this section as "GWEN") as the Secretary of Transportation determines to be necessary for the establishment of a nationwide system to be known as the "Nationwide Differential Global Positioning System" (referred to in this section as "NDGPS").

(b) As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation may establish the NDGPS. In establishing the NDGPS, the Secretary of Transportation may—

(1) if feasible, reuse GWEN equipment and sites transferred to the Department of Transportation under subsection (a);

(2) to the maximum extent practicable, use contractor services to install the NDGPS;

(3) modify the positioning system operated by the Coast Guard at the time of the establishment of the NDGPS to integrate the reference stations made available pursuant to subsection (a);

(4) in cooperation with the Secretary of Commerce, ensure that the reference stations referred to in paragraph (3) are compatible with, and integrated into, the Continuously Operating Reference Station (commonly referred to as "CORS") system of the National Geodetic Survey of the Department of Commerce; and

(5) in cooperation with the Secretary of Commerce, investigate the use of the NDGPS reference stations for the Global Positioning System Integrated Precipitable Water Vapor System of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

(c) The Secretary of Transportation may—

(1) manage and operate the NDGPS;

(2) ensure that the service of the NDGPS is provided without the assessment of any user fee; and

(3) in cooperation with the Secretary of Defense, ensure that the use of the NDGPS is denied to any enemy of the United States.

(d) In any case in which the Secretary of Transportation determines that contracting for the maintenance of 1 or more NDGPS reference stations is cost-effective, the Secretary of Transportation may enter into a contract to provide for that maintenance.

(e) The Secretary of Transportation may—

(1) in cooperation with appropriate representatives of private industries and universities and officials of State governments—

(A) investigate improvements (including potential improvements) to the NDGPS;

(B) develop standards for the NDGPS; and

(C) sponsor the development of new applications for the NDGPS; and

(2) provide for the continual upgrading of the NDGPS to improve performance and address the needs of—

(A) the Federal Government;

(B) State and local governments; and

(C) the general public.

## NOTICES OF HEARINGS

### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will hold a full committee markup of the Agriculture Research bill as well as the nominations of:

Mr. August Schumacher to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services and a Member of the Board of Directors for the Commodity Credit Corporation;

Dr. Catherine E. Woteki to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety;

Dr. I. Miley Gonzalez to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics; and

Ms. Shirley Watkins to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services and a Member of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

The business meeting will take place in SR-328A, at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, July 30, 1997.

### COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. WARNER. Mr. president, I wish to announce that the Committee on Rules and Administration will hold a business meeting, at 2:30 p.m., on Wednesday, July 30, 1997, on the status of the investigation into the contested Senate election in Louisiana at which the committee could consider and vote upon a resolution, or resolutions, prescribing the future course of action to be taken by the committee.

### COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Rules and Administration will hold a business meeting, at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 31, 1997, on the status of the investigation into the contested Senate election in Louisiana at which the committee could consider and vote upon a resolution, or resolutions, prescribing the future course of action to be taken by the committee.

### COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Rules and Administration will hold a business meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, August 1, 1997, on the status of the investigation into the contested Senate election in Louisiana at which the committee could consider and vote upon a resolution, or resolutions, prescribing the future course of action to be taken by the committee.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

### COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be allowed to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 29, 1997, at 9:30 a.m. In SR-328A to examine price volatility issues in the post farm bill setting.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 29, 1997, to conduct an oversight hearing on automated teller machine networks.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and

Transportation be authorized to meet on Tuesday, July 29, 1997, at 10:30 a.m. on global settlement of tobacco litigation.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 29, for purposes of conducting a full committee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on S. 967, a bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, and for other purposes, and S. 1015, a bill to provide for the exchange of lands within Admiralty Island National Monument, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 29, 1997, at 10 a.m. to hold a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 29, 1997, at 10:30 a.m., to hold a House/Senate Conference.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee Special Investigation to meet on Tuesday, July 29, at 10 a.m., for a business meeting on campaign financing issues.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Labor and Human Resources be authorized to meet for a hearing on improving educational opportunities for low-income children during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 29, 1997, at 9:30 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. GREGG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, July 29, 1997, at 2 p.m., to hold a closed briefing on intelligence matters.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.